

## AMENDMENTS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### In the claims

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Claim 1 (original): A method of reducing severity of a symptom of virus infection in an individual infected with a virus, comprising administering a composition comprising a polynucleotide comprising an immunostimulatory sequence (ISS) to said individual, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3', wherein an antigen of the virus is not administered in conjunction with administration of said composition, and wherein said composition is administered in an amount sufficient to reduce severity of a symptom of virus infection.

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Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3'.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2, wherein the ISS comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'-AACGTTTCG-3', and 5'-GACGTTTCG-3'.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1).

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the individual is a mammal.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein administration is at the site of infection.

Claim 7 (original): A kit for use in ameliorating or preventing a symptom of virus infection in an individual infected with, exposed to or at risk of being exposed to a virus, comprising

a composition comprising a polynucleotide comprising an immunostimulatory sequence (ISS), wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3' and wherein the kit does not comprise an antigen of the virus; and

instructions for administration of said composition to an individual infected with, exposed to or at risk of being exposed to the virus.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ kit of claim ~~8~~ 7, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3'.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ kit of claim ~~2~~ 8, wherein the ISS comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'-AACGTTCG-3', and 5'-GACGTTCG-3'.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ kit of claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1).

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